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In re Application of

Juergen Bode, Jost Seibler and Dirk Schuebeler

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Title: Method for marker-free repetitive DNA expression
of cassette exchange in the genome of cells or
parts of cells

DECLARATION

1. I, Alfred Nordheim, residing in Auf der Morgenstelle 15, 72076 Tuebingen, Germany, am a citizen of the Federal Republic of Germany. I am Professor for Molecular Biology at the Institute for Cell Biology at the University of Tuebingen. My curriculum vitae is enclosed. I am trained and skilled in the field of stem cell research, in particular embryonic stem cells (ES cells). I have done extensive research in the field of homologous and site-specific recombination experiments in various cell types. A publication list is enclosed.

I have carefully read and fully understood the US patent application of Juergen Bode, Jost Seibler and Dirk Schuebeler, US Serial No. 09/841,843 filed on April 25, 2001. Additionally, I have studied and fully understood the prior art references

- i) Thomas Schlake and Juergen Bode, 1994 Biochemistry, 33:12746-12751 "Us of Mutated FLP Recognition Target